



# NEWS

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from The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City

*Dedicated to the recognition, preservation and restoration of greater Kansas City's unique heritage.*

## We saw lotsa money!

Billions of dollars flow daily through the 10th District Federal Reserve Bank here in Kansas City! And about 30 of us were privileged to see and enjoy it on March 30 as we toured their Money Museum.

There are 12 Districts in the U. S. Federal Reserve System which was established in 1913. The 10th District Kansas City Bank covers parts of seven states and has branches also in Denver, Oklahoma City and Omaha. This building was built on the site of the old St. Mary's Hospital and opened in 2008, having moved from 925 Grand downtown. The first location was across the street in the R. A. Long Building at 928 Grand.

The pictures in this article demonstrate a lot of what we saw. But the one area that was probably the most impressive did not allow photographs to be taken. That was the vault and sorting area for paper money.

Each hour, about 100,000 used bills are inspected, sorted, and also culled out if worn or even counterfeit. Apparently, counterfeit bills are not uncommon. The culled bills are finely shredded and small bags of paper shreds, holding about \$165 of paper money shreds, can be picked up – one per customer.

The above process is done completely by machines and when the bills are neatly packaged and bundled, they are put into crates by the operators and loaded onto small four-wheeled carts which slowly move by the windows and enter the vault area. Each cart holds about 450,000 bills. If they are \$20 bills, that is \$9 million!

The crates are automatically unloaded and the carts slowly return to be used again – all without any operators. The vault area holds approximately 2000 cartloads. This whole process was observed by us through the large windows.

There are three carts, named Huey, Dewey and Louie!

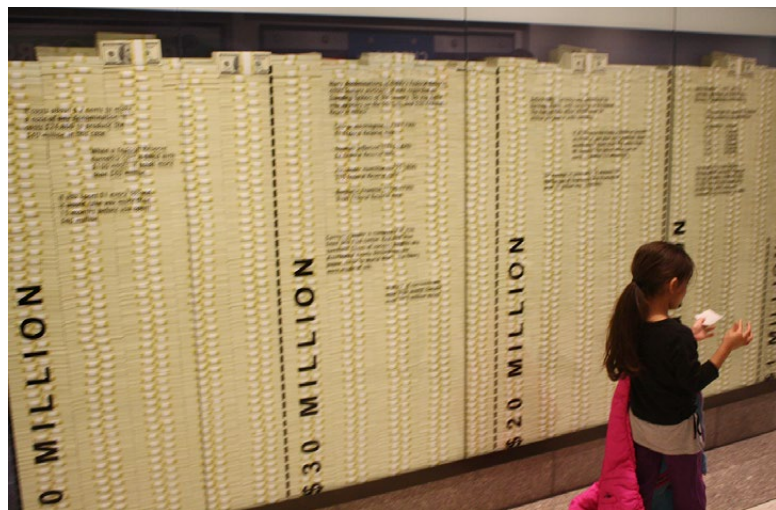
We also watched an 18-minute film showing the history and operation of the Federal Reserve System.

The Money Museum is on the first floor and entry is through a brief security process. Admission is free, the employees are very friendly and helpful, and the experience is enjoyable and fairly unique. Visit this site if you have the opportunity and enjoy both the sights and the learning experience – and see lotsa money!

Thanks to Dick Retrum, our Program Committee Chair, for scheduling this event and handling the details.



In front is Trudy Hall, an excellent guide for our group of about thirty. President John Hess Jr. is at the right front.



Above are stacks of paper money of various denominations worth the millions as marked



At left is a brick-sized gold bar that weighs 27 pounds, worth the value shown



# The President's Message

## Dear members:

The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City started off the year with an awesome private tour of the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City which was held on March 30. Our tour guide, Trudy Hall, made it a very memorable event for the thirty members that attended. (article on page one)

We are planning a Meet & Greet on Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 at the Roasterie (article on page three) and a trip on May 21 to the Jackson County Art Museum. We are also planning an event this summer to the Ben Ferrel Mansion and the McCormick Distillery. Then in the fall, we are planning a tour of the Armacost Car Museum. We will be sending you more details regarding these events as they become available.

I am also excited to announce that Frank White, Kansas City's very own Royals all-star second baseman will be our Outstanding Kansas Citian for 2016. The event will be held on November 10, at Kauffman Stadium's Diamond Club. Please plan ahead as tickets will be limited.

Our Annual Board Meeting will be held in October and the Holiday Brunch in December.

We have a very busy year planned and hope that you will invite your friends to join us at one of our events. Please continue to let people know about our organization and to recruit new members. I am excited about our upcoming events and look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,  
John Hess, Jr.  
2016 NSDKC President



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John Hess, Jr.**



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## MISSION

The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City, Inc. is dedicated to the historic preservation of the unique and rich heritage of the greater Kansas City metropolitan area, both in Missouri and Kansas, through advocacy, education and restoration. It also seeks to preserve and maintain archives of historical interest relating to the development of the Kansas City region and to recognize individuals who have resided therein and contributed to such development.

Saturday, April 23, 9:45 am: Meet & Greet at  
The Roasterie (see article)

Saturday, May 21: Jackson County Art Museum (see article)

Summer 2016: Ben Ferrel Mansion and McCormick Distillery

## ★ 2016 CALENDAR ★

Fall 2016: Armacost Car Museum

Thursday, October 12, 6:00 pm: Annual Membership & Board meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 pm: Outstanding Kansas Citian

Saturday, December 10, 11:00 am: Holiday Brunch



**Meet & Greet**  
**Join us at The Roasterie**  
**A Kansas City icon!**

**1204 West 27th Street**  
**Kansas City MO**

**Saturday, April 23**

9:45 am - Check in

10:00 - Tour of Facility

11:00 - Purchase our own  
Drinks

11:15 - Announcements

**Please RSVP to Susie**  
**Hughes – (816) 926-9397 or**  
**phughes9@kc.rr.com**



**See art museum in**  
**remodeled**  
**Jackson County**  
**Courthouse, May 21**

*The Jackson County Courthouse was completely remodeled three years ago and had a grand reopening ceremony as shown at left. On May 21, NSDKC will visit the Jackson County Art Museum that features paintings by George Caleb Bingham.*

*The time and other details are not yet firm, but will be broadcast to all of you as soon as plans are complete.*

*So mark your calendar for this exciting event!*





**Dedication of a new wayside exhibit at the Wieduwilt Swale Park at 85th and Manchester, Kansas City, MO.**

## National Historic Trails Workshop, June 6-9

**T**he Partnership for the National Trails System, which is a consortium of all the support organizations for the 30 National Scenic and Historic Trails, will be sponsoring the biennial National Historic Trails Workshop here in June.

There are 19 National Historic Trails and 11 National Scenic Trails in the System. We have four National Historic Trails (NHT's) in the Kansas City area which are the Lewis and Clark, Santa Fe, Oregon, and California NHT's.

The Workshop will be hosted by local historic trails groups and will be at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Independence, Missouri.

After the opening reception on Monday June 6, there will be three days of group workshop and plenary sessions plus two mobile workshops (bus tours) which will allow participants from across the nation an opportunity to see what is being done in the Kansas City area on our historic trails. On one of these mobile workshops we

will participate in the dedication of the spectacular Powder Mill Bridge at I-435 and Bannister Road, the largest hiking trail bridge across an Interstate highway in the nation.

The Kansas City area is a national focus location for historic trails and particularly now because of our current 3-Trails Corridor Retracement Trail Project. Hiking trails along the historic trails corridors have been and are being built that create "walkable communities", which enhances property values significantly.

In addition, street signs are being erected which will allow motorists to follow the trail corridor and know where to turn to stay on the trail. Both of these enhancements allow the public to "retrace" a historic trail even though much of it is not visible today.

All the above is why the NHT Workshop will be located here. Registration and other details can be found on the Partnership's website at [pnnts.org](http://pnnts.org).



**One of the new signs being erected – this sign in Independence.**



# Frank White to be honored as Outstanding Kansas Citian

**T**he Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City is pleased to honor Frank White Jr. as the 2016 “Outstanding Kansas Citian” at the 44th OKC Gala, to be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

With Mr. White’s 18-year outstanding professional baseball career with the Kansas City Royals, and his more recent public service with the Jackson County Legislature and now serving as County Executive, he truly deserves the role of “Outstanding Kansas Citian”. In a salute to both his past and current careers, there could be no more fitting venue to honor Mr. White than the Diamond Club at Kauffman Stadium in Jackson County’s Truman Sports Complex.

In a history of truly amazing series of events and accomplishments that have transpired right here in Kansas City, Mr. White grew up in his family’s home that sat in the shadow of old Municipal Stadium. As a young adult, he served on the construction crew that built the facility that would

open in 1973 as Royals Stadium, later renamed Kauffman Stadium to honor the founder and original owner of the Royals. To offer a quote from his biography on the Jackson County government’s website, “...That gives Frank the distinction of possibly being the only Major Leaguer to play in a stadium that he literally helped build.”

Mr. White has a long legacy that includes not only his serving as a role model for Kansas City’s youth, playing an important role with numerous civic organizations, and has been involved with the growth of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. Now in his latest career of public service, Mr. White continues to provide outstanding leadership as County Executive in the 21st Century.

This year’s OKC event is sure to sell out quickly, so join the team that will recognize Mr. White’s accomplishments in a truly “royal” event and make your reservations today.

Steve Noll, Chair  
NSDKC OKC Committee



Photo courtesy of [www.jacksongov.org](http://www.jacksongov.org)

“This is a historic day, and I have to say the most humbling experience for me is being asked to serve as your County Executive. It is really an amazing honor and also an amazing responsibility. And it is a responsibility that I plan to take very seriously.”

—Frank White



Trail preservationists look at a big swale in Minor Park during a Trails Head Chapter outing in 2013.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Patricia Ann Crain  
Carol C. Duncan  
Peggy Lukken • Keith Nelson

**IN MEMORIAM**

Peggy Smith

# NSDKC Founder's Club recognizes local businesses

For more than 80 years, The Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City has been the leading force in preserving and protecting the area's history. In 2015, we honored, as Charter members of the NSDKC Founders Club, 21 businesses that have been a vital part of Kansas City's history. Our 2015 President Carl DiCapo established this new program.

The Founders Club is a unique support group which recognizes companies founded in the metro area. There has never been an organized effort to honor such businesses, and recognition is important to preserving our area's history.

This special group of businesses will lend support to the efforts of NSDKC with an annual membership donation, and at the same time, we will continue to honor new members at each annual Outstanding Kansas Citian dinner and award ceremony.

Membership as a Founder is \$200 per year. An application can be found on our website at [http://nsdkc.org/founders\\_membership](http://nsdkc.org/founders_membership) or you may contact 1st Vice President Diane Pepper at 816-719-1044, if you have any questions. As a new member you will be honored at our next OKC event in November.

**Congratulations to the following businesses who are the Charter members of the Founders Club.**

1. J. E. Dunn Construction Company
2. Kansas City Marriott/Muehlebach Hotel
3. Waddell & Reed Financial, Inc
4. Zimmer Companies, Inc.
5. Cosentino's Food Stores
6. Ash Grove Cement Company
7. Financial Counselors, Inc.
8. Geo. F. Porter and Sons Funeral Directors, Inc
9. McCormick Distilling Company, Inc.
10. William Jewell College
11. Tension Envelope
12. JoDill Corporation
13. Sturdevant Law Office
14. Cleveland University Kansas City/Cleveland Chiropractic College
15. Original Juan Specialty Foods
16. DiCapo Foods/Italian Gardens
17. Chappell's Restaurant & Sports Museum
18. Interior Design
19. KelCon Technologies, Inc.
20. Memory Productions MMGMP, Inc
21. Kansas City Convention Center



**Above are representatives of eight of our NSDKC Founders Club members who attended our Outstanding Kansas Citian Gala last November. They are Carl DiCapo (President NSDKC), Dick Berkley (Tension Envelope), Jim Chappell (Chappell's Restaurant and Sports Museum), Joe Polo, Sr. (Original Juan Specialty Foods), Dan Sturdevant (Sturdevant Law Office), John Dillingham (JoDill Corporation), Sugie DiCapo (DiCapo Foods), and Carl S. Cleveland, III (Cleveland University).**